

**BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
MINUTES**

DATE: August 21, 2009

TIME: 9:00 a.m. C.D.T

LOCATION: 227 French Landing Drive
Heritage Place, Metro Center
Ground Floor, Iris Conference Room
Nashville, TN 37243

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brigina T. Wilkerson, PT, Chair
Lisa C. Fortner, PTA, Secretary
Brandon Hollis, PT
Michael L. Voight, PT
Minty R. Ballard, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT: Marva Swann, Board Director
Karen Robinson, Board Administrator
Diona Layden, Assistant General Counsel
Libby Miller, Health Related Boards Director
Juanita Stone, Disciplinary Coordinator
Alison Cleaves, Deputy, Office of General Counsel
Ashley Carter, Deputy, Office of General Counsel

GUESTS: Estie Harris, Tennessee Physical Therapy Association
Mike Harkreader, Director Tennessee Professional Assistance Program

With a quorum being present, Ms. Wilkerson, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a. m.

Conflict Of Interest

Diona Layden presented and advised Board members of their responsibilities under the Conflict of Interest Policy. They were asked to read and sign the policy if they had not previously done so.

Office of General Counsel Report

Ms. Layden presented the following OGC report:

Rules

1. Rules relating to PTA references, continued competency, titles, and conditions (07-0467; Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1150-1-.02, .03, .04, .08, .10, .12 and .15) are still being reviewed at the Attorney General's Office.

2. The Rules that were discussed and voted on at a previous meeting are still being reviewed by the Office of General Counsel and the Assistant Commissioner.

Litigation

The Office of General Counsel currently has four (4) open cases pertaining to the Board of Physical Therapy.

Tennessee Professional Assistance Program (TNPAP) Report

Mike Harkreader, Director, of the Tennessee Professional Assistance Program (TNPAP), presented the statistics for the period of July 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2009. Three (3) PT's and three (2) PTA's signed monitoring agreements. There were two (2) referrals received both of whom were PTA's. There was one (1) self referral and one (1) from a treatment center. Reasons for referral were for history of arrest/illegal drug use/DUI and for substance abuse/dependence. One (1) PT and one (1) PTA were discharged after successful completion of the monitoring agreement. One (1) PTA was discharged and reported to the Department of Health for refusing services.

Investigation and Disciplinary Reports

There were seventeen (17) PT complaints. Seven (7) were closed; one (1) with a letter of warning, and six (6) were sent to the Office of General Counsel, leaving ten (10) currently open complaints.

There were twelve (12) PTA complaints. Nine (9) were closed; one (1) with no action, one (1) with a letter of warning, and seven (7) were sent to the Office of General Counsel leaving three (3) currently open complaints.

There are currently two (2) PT's and two (2) PTA's currently being monitored after prior Board discipline.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Fortner made a motion seconded by Mr. Hollis to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2009 board meeting as presented. The motion carried.

Topics of Discussion

National Physical Therapy Exam Contract

Ms. Alison Cleaves, Deputy, for the Office of General Counsel discussed the contract negotiations with the FSBPT for the administration of the NPTE exam. All applicants waiting to take the national exam will be approved to do so as soon as the contract is finalized. The contract will now be renewed on a year to year basis.

Educational Equivalency For Foreign Trained Therapists Policy Statement

Rule 1150-1-1.04 (3) provides that a foreign trained applicant's education must be equivalent to the first professional degree in Physical Therapy from a CAPTE approved school in the United States.

The policy statement for Foreign Trained Therapists was reviewed by the Board and amended to meet the current requirements for physical therapists in the United States. The revised policy is attached hereto and will be posted to the Board's website.

Policy to Determine When an Applicant With a Criminal Conviction Should Appear Before the Board

No action taken. Deferred to next meeting.

Remediation

Dr. Voight made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Fortner to approve the remediation plans reviewed by Board consultant, Alan Meade. The plans were for the following applicants:

LILIYA JONES, PT
ANDREA BUIE, PT
ANNE NOBLE, PT
SH'VOYNE CLAYBON, PT
KATHRYN SMITH, PT
NIEVES REYNOLDS, PTA
LADASHA WILEY, PTA
PAMELA SEXTON, PTA
SHANNON BROWN, PTA

The motion carried.

Applicant File Review

- A. **Cherie Tung**—Ms. Tung is a foreign trained applicant applying for a provisional license to practice in Tennessee. Ms. Tung was not present but was represented by Karen Fleming, Vice President of the HCCA International. The Board deferred action on Ms. Tung's application pending her obtaining documentation authorizing her to live and work in the United States.
- B. **Paul Que-Sanchez**—Mr. Que-Sanchez is a foreign trained applicant applying for a provisional license to practice in Tennessee. Mr. Que-Sanchez was not present but was represented by Karen Fleming, Vice President of the HCCA International. The Board deferred action on Mr. Que-Sanchez's application pending his obtaining documentation authorizing him to live and work in the United States.
- C. **Linda Bowman**—Ms. Bowman was not present but submitted a written request to waive completion of her 2007 and 2008 continuing competency hours due to a medical disability and financial hardship. After discussion, a Mr. Hollis made a motion seconded by Ms. Fortner to deny Ms. Bowman's request to waive her continuing competency for the years 2007 and 2008. The motion carried.
- D. **Leslie Stein**—Ms. Stein appeared before the Board requesting a reinstatement of her PT license. Ms. Stein had voluntarily retired her license on 2/28/03. After interview by the

Board, Dr. Voight made a motion seconded by Mr. Hollis to approve Ms. Stein for a provisional license of forty-eight (48) weeks duration. The motion carried.

- E. **Anne Avinante**—Ms. Avinante was not present. After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Voight and seconded by Ms. Ballard to grant Ms. Avinante, a foreign trained applicant, a provisional license for four hundred and eighty (480) hours. The motion carried.

Ratification of Initial Determinations

A motion was made by Ms. Fortner and seconded by Dr. Voight to approve the following lists of initial and reinstatement applications for licensure. The motion carried.

PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

NEW LICENSES

KATIE ELISE BARNETT
SHAUN MICHAEL BARRIOS
PATRICIA A BAUMGARTNER
KELLI MICHELLE BENTON
JAMES NATHANIEL BOND
ERIN HATHAWAY BOWER
JACQUE LYNN BRADFORD
KEVIN ROSS BRIDGES
CHASITY PAIGE BROCK
RACHAEL LYNN BROWN
JAIME GAIL BUNKER
JUSTIN SCOTT CALLIS
SARAH ELIZABETH CANADA
LESLIE A CANUP
CASEY C CARTER
HEATHER MICHELLE CLOWER
AMBER TAYLOR COLE
SEDRIC DARNELL COOPER
SHEENA MADISON COTTEN
HERAT VIDYUT DESAI
ALLISON BIBEE DRAGOO
EMILY JEAN DZIRNIS
PATRICIA A EDWARDS
SUZANNE PORTER ELDER
APRIL GOODWIN EMERSON
SHARON D ERICKSON
JOHN F FALTUS
TY WILLIAM FARR
TRENA M FICHTER
MARTHA ANN FREEMAN
ALISON MICHELE FRENCH
DIANA ELISABETH
FREYALDENHOVEN
LISA MARY FROBERG
RAICHELE GARCIA

LAURA BENINGER GERHARDT
HOLLY MICHELLE GIBSON
KIMBERLY BETH GRABER
JOSHUA DUANE HAISLIP
MELISSA ANNE HARRINGTON
ANGELA ISAACS HARTMAN
BRIAN WESLEY HASKINS
RACHEL SHERI HASKINS
MELISSA CLAIRE HAZELWOOD
JENNIFER L HINKLE
LINDSEY A HOLLIS
DAVID WILLIAM HOUK
JILL MARIE HRABINSKY
ANUJ KUMAR JAIN
JESSICA ELIZABETH JANSEN
ANGELA LYNN JANSSEN
JENNIFER MARIE JEU
LAURA MARIE JEU
STEPHANIE LYNN KARLESKINT
REBECCA JOANNE KNOX
KATHRYN MARIE KOVANEN
LAUREN L KOZAK
KIMBERLY DAWN KREID
BRADLEY ALLEN LANGLEY
COURTNEY LINN LASER
ROBERT EDWARD LIGHT
LESLIE MARIE MACDONALD
ELIZABETH HYUN MCGUIRE
ANGELA CHRISTINE MEYER
SHARI LYNN MILLER
ERIK ANTHONY MITCHELL
MARY LEAH MIZER
CANDICE NICHOLE MOODY
CAROLYN JEAN MOORE
CHRISTOPHER MARTIN MORRIS

KRISTIN MICHELLE MORRISON
CHRISTAL ANN MOSTERT
MEAGAN CAROL MOYERS
BONNIE RENEE' NORTON
GREGORY STUART O'NEAL
LOGAN CLINT OWENS
MARCUS ANTWAN PEARSON
GINNY LEIGH PERKINS
JENNIFER M POWELL
GINA WIGGINS RAGAN
KIMBERLY DYAN RASCHKE
VINODH V RAVINDRAN
SARAH ANN RENVILLE
LORA LYNN REPKA
JORDAN BLOUNT RICHARDSON
KATIE NOELLE RIDER
TIRZA JOY RIDGELY
JAMESON LUKE RINER
APRIL DYAN ROBERTS
JODI ELISABETH ROBERTS
LINDA SUE ROBERTS
LAURA ELIZABETH ROOP
MONICA JO ROSSON
AMBER LEAH SCHOVER
CARA MARIE SCHOLTZ

JAMES EVERETT SEXTON
ASHLEE BIBEE SHARP
KELLEY HELEN SIEGERT
SUSAN JANE SINGER
BRYAN ANTHONY SIZEMORE
DANA LEE SLACK
JOHN MANUEL SMOLEN-HETZEL
LAURA ELIZABETH SNYDER
KATHERINE A STEVENS
JAMES WESLEY STEWART
CAROLINA LOPES SUMNER
HOLLY SWETT
JENNIFER DAWN TEMPLETON
JENNIFER C THOMAS
JONATHAN E THOMAS
STEFANI N THOMAS
PATRICK ROBERT TIGHE
BROOKS LYNN TILLER
BRANDON SCOT TYLER
CHIOMA CHISOMAGA USOH
CHRISTINE WALTERS
MATTHEW KELLY WARD
LAURA KAY WILSON
LESLIE ANN WISE

REINSTATEMENTS

ANNA MARIE BUSH
MEREDITH P CHAFFIN
PETER AUSTIN CHRISCO
MEGAN NICOLE EASLEY
CHARLOTTE L EDDINGS
JACQUELINE VERA H GIBBS

ADRIENNE C PETERSEN
CHERRI S ROOKS
ANNE CRAE SMITH
THOMAS CRAIG STURM
JOHN STEPHEN TIMER

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS

NEW LICENSES

ALLISON LEANNE ALBRITTON
EVELYN CHRISTINE ALMOND
STEPHEN LYLE ARCHER
FRANCES MARIE BALL
DEWEY WILLIAM BARNARD
JENNIFER HARRISON BEARD
RHONDA GAIL BIRCHFIELD
SAMUEL ZACHARY
BIRDWELL

MELINDA ANN BLAIR
JASON EDWARD BLOMDAHL
MARY KATE BOEPPLE
MELISSA RENEE BOWLING
AMANDA BLAKE BREEDING
ELIZABETH JANE BRIDGER
MARVIN SCOTT BROWN
SHELIA DENISE BROWN
CHARLES KEVIN BRYANT

KATHERINE LYNN BUEHLER
BRADLEY K CANTRELL
AMANDA KAY CHANDLER
AMBER ELIZABETH CLAY
JEANETTE M CLAYTON
REECEA MARLENE COOPER
JESSICA MARIE CORNWELL
JENNIFER LEIGH DAVIS
RACHEL HOPE DAVISON
SUSAN JEAN DOYKA
KEYNA CELESTE ELDER
MELANIE FAGAN
MICHAEL OWEN FAGAN, JR
CHRISTINE NICOLE FAIN
CORINNE PATRICIA
FLAHERTY
KRISTA LEIGH FLORIAN
ERIN LEIGH GARDNER
MEGHAN MARIE GEARY
ERICA DENISE
GERASIMOPOULOS
MATTHEW CHARLES GILBERT
YVONNE GINGER HATCH
PATRICE MICHELLE HAWKINS
ANDREW JEROME HENDON
KRISTI LYNN HICKLEN
LORI L HILL
REBECCA LEE HITE
JAMES NICHOLAS HOLCOMB
AUDRA ELIZABETH HOUSE
CLINTON COLE HURD
CLINTON WAYNE HURD
JEREMY JEROME HURST
WILLIAM EDWARD HYPES
JOSEPH RYAN JACKSON
ENDIA GRACE JOHNSON
SAMANTHA SUE JOHNSON
STEPHEN ANDREW JONES, JR
TRACY MICHELLE KECK
MEAGAN E KIRBY
ANNABELL DUTCHES KNIGHT
KEVIN MICHAEL KOENEMAN
BRIAN ROBERT KOPP

REINSTATEMENTS

JAMIE LANDREY
REGINALD T MILLER
TABATHA LYNN SMITH

Financial Report

JONATHAN DAVID LANE
AMANDA FAITH LOZA
ADRIEN GREY MACKENZIE
LEO OCAMPO MALLARI
TRACI H MARTIN
ELIZABETH ANN MEEK
MEGAN LISABETH MILLER
DIANA LOUISE MILLS
SUSAN MARIE MINK
DIANNA M MOROZ
TANYA KIMBERLY NAUMANN
ERICA LYNETTE NORMAN
RONALD GENE NUNLEY
JOYCE KAREN OSTROWSKI
STEFANI ANN OUTLAND
IAN JAMES PASS
BRIAN JACOB POLOFSKY
WENDY LEE REYNOLDS
DAVID LAWRENCE RICHARDS
JEFFREY CHARLES RICKS
JAMES ANDREW ROARK
PATRICK W ROGERS
JENNIFER LYNN RUSSELL
STEPHEN RAY SCHORNER
JULIE MICHAL SCOTT
STEVEN DWIGHT SHULTS
JEB FINNEGAN STEWART
KIMBERLY SUE TABER
AMANDA DAWN THOMAS
AMY MARIE THOMAS
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JENNIFER MARIE VAMPRINE
ASHLEY NICOLE
VANDERPOOL
MARK ANTHONY WADE
STEVEN BRIAN WHEAT
AMY LEE WHITE
LAURA BETH WHITLEY
NINA DANIELLE WILSON
CAITLIN MARIE WOODS
CHRISTINA MAY YARBROUGH

The financial report for FY 2009 mid-year has not been completed. The Board will discuss options to maintain its fiscal solvency when current financial information becomes available.

Administrator's Report

Karen Robinson presented the following data from May, 2009 through July, 2009:

- 4101 Physical Therapists
- 2516 Physical Therapist Assistants

STATISTICAL REPORTS

Physical Therapists	May	June	July
Licensed	42	34	15
Provisional	4	0	0
Renewals Mailed	150	152	166
Physical Therapist Assistants	May.	June	July
Licensed	7	45	22
Provisional	1	0	0
Renewals Mailed	105	104	108

Board Members

Brandon Hollis, PT, has been appointed to the Board. He takes the place of Dr. Randy Walker. All positions are currently filled.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

These minutes were ratified at the November 13, 2009 meeting.

**Department of Health
Tennessee Board of Physical Therapy
Policy Statements**

POLICY: EDUCATIONAL EQUIVALENCY FOR FOREIGN TRAINED THERAPISTS

Rule 1150-1-.04 (3) in pertinent part provides as follows:

...The evaluation must clearly indicate that the applicant's education is equivalent to the first professional degree in Physical Therapy from a CAPTE approved school in the United States. In no event, however, is the Board bound by the determinations made by credentialing agencies; as the Board is the final arbiter as to whether such education is equivalent. The standards established by the National Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy will also be considered by the board in making these determinations.

The Tennessee Board of Physical Therapy hereby adopts the following guidelines for determining if foreign trained Physical Therapists meet the education requirements:

1. Proof of proficiency in the English language by passing TOEFL, TWE, or TSE pursuant to Rule 1150-1-.04.
2. Verification of the equivalency of the applicant's education to the following by one of the Board's approved credentialing agencies:
 - A) The minimum shall be 150 semester hours.
 - B) General Educational Requirements:

A minimum of 60 semester hours with a grade of "C" or its equivalent or above.
Credits are required in each of the following:

 - Humanities – one course minimum
 - Physical Sciences – one courses in Physics and one courses in Chemistry required
 - Biological Sciences – one semester course in biological sciences
 - Social Sciences – one course minimum
 - Behavioral Sciences – one semester course in psychology
 - Mathematics – one course minimum
 - C) Professional Educational Requirements:

A minimum of 90 semester hours with a grade of "C" or its equivalent or above.
Credits are required in each of the following:

 - Basic Sciences – must include one course each:
 - Human Anatomy – specific to physical therapy
 - Human Physiology – specific to physical therapy
 - Neurological Sciences
 - Kinesiology/Functional Anatomy

- Abnormal or developmental psychology
- Pathology
- Clinical Sciences – must include one course each:
 - Neurology
 - Orthopedics
 - Pediatrics
 - Geriatrics
 - Integumentary Assessment and Treatment
 - Musculoskeletal Assessment and Treatment
 - Neuromuscular Assessment and Treatment
 - Cardiopulmonary Assessment and Treatment
 - Metabolic conditions Assessment

D) Clinical Education – two affiliations, total 800 hours minimum

E) Related Professional Courses—must include content in each

- Professional Behaviors
- Administration
- Community Health
- Research
- Educational Techniques
- Medical Terminology
- Communication (related to patient care)
- Ethics and legal Aspects of PT
- Cultural Competency
- Emergency Procedures
- Consultation, Screening, and Delegation

CLEP semester hours or credits shall be accepted for general education hours only.

Adopted by the Committee of Physical Therapy on this the 6th day of November, 1998.

Ratified by the Board of Physical Therapy on November 14, 2008.

Adopted by the Board of Physical Therapy on August 21, 2009.

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